

Subject: Inclusive Admissions: Class of 2028 Update

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Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students,

As we welcome new and returning students to Middlebury College for the fall semester, we are writing with an update on the incoming Class of 2028. We are pleased to share that interest in Middlebury College remains strong, and that our incoming class reflects Middlebury's mission and values.

You can read more about our new class profile in this [news story](#).

By any measure, this is an impressive class, demonstrating our commitment to bringing to Middlebury a group of dedicated students representing an array of backgrounds and talents reflective of our robust recruiting strategy, which includes our commitment to first-generation students.

Middlebury Admissions has been adapting and evolving in response to the Supreme Court's decision to end the consideration of race as a factor in holistic application review. We have been attentive to this new environment while staying true to our mission with the understanding that diversity drives excellence.

Our numbers are well within the ranges of the past decade and this is our third highest applicant pool overall. We did see some expected shifts, including a slight decrease in the number of overall applications from the previous year, and drops in enrollment among certain groups. We are disappointed in the declines in students of color in Middlebury's entering class, but these trends are consistent with those at other colleges and universities. This is also the first year of data we have since the Supreme Court decision impacted all of higher education. We will continue to recruit and enroll students from many different lived experiences to help realize our vision of a world with a robust, inclusive public sphere where ethical citizens work across intellectual, geographical, and cultural borders.

Our work in the coming year includes refining and focusing efforts to ensure that we continue to identify exceptional students from a range of backgrounds and build a community of learners that can contribute to their communities and solve the world's most challenging problems. In addition to our annual review of our process and practices, we will expand and deepen our work with a number of recruiting partners. Once we admit talented students who can fulfill their potential at Middlebury, we will continue our energetic recruitment efforts in the spring, sharing all that is remarkable

about our community. It takes current students, staff, and faculty to effectively help us show admitted students how they can belong at Middlebury.

We will find more ways to bring admitted students to campus, enhance our virtual connections for admitted students and their families, and find new ways to share the tremendous opportunities that are available for Middlebury students in our global community.

We will keep you informed about the ongoing effects of this decision and thank you for everything you are doing to support the class.

Sincerely,

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